

# **Chippewa East Mackinac Conservation District**

## **Board Meeting Minutes- January 6, 2011**

Attendees: Orv Kabat, Jane Bishop, Tom Allan, Tina Love, Dusty King, Todd Insley, Erin Satchell, and Pat Carr. Jim Pawlowicz field representative from MDARD was present.

The minutes of the December meeting were approved on a motion from Love and seconded by Bishop. The treasurer's report and payment of bills were approved on a motion by Allan and second by Bishop. Carried.

Natural Resources Conservation Service report was made by Carr. Doll Farm conservation plan was signed.

Engineer's report was made by Satchell.

MEAEP technician grant position has been advertised. McDonald to sign grant when available.

Emerald Ash Borer SLAM project- final report has been submitted. Insley is now housed at the Hiawatha State Forest St Ignace office.

Cooperative Weed Management Area Report was given by Insley. A steering committee will be held on the 6<sup>th</sup>.

State wide critical dunes permits project update. There is to be a meeting regarding this in the next few months. We do not have many of these category dunes here but there are a number of them in the Luce West Mackinac CD area.

RIP IT UP contract for \$2,000 for 2012 was approved on a motion by Bishop and second by Love. Carried. MACD (State wide) Convention was held in Mt Pleasant from Dec 6-8. Wagoner received the technician of the year award, King received her 15 year service award, and Delaney Stec from Pickford placed first in the state poster contest.

Watershed report was made by King. The extension was granted. Board moves to not renew contract with Jerome. He will work on an hourly basis as long as there is money in the grant and work he can contribute to the watershed plan. He will work closely with Carr and Lotoszinski will be brought in as needed.

Interviews for the Executive Director position will be held January 4 and 5, 2011. Eight people will be interviewed. All Board members will sit on the interview panel. Questions were reviewed and adapted.

Auditor supplied sample purchasing and capital asset capitalization policies for the board to review. He is recommending we have these policies in place. The board reviewed them but no further action was taken. Also supplied by the auditor were the new government fund balance account categories. Moved by Allan and seconded by Bishop that we adopt these accounts. King will make the necessary changes in the financial statements.

Our annual meeting will be January 26 at Bruce Twp Hall. Invitations are going out this week. Dean Reid will receive the Earth Steward award and Mike Kowalski will receive the Cooperator award. King will investigate Educator of the Year and Barn Heritage award suggestions. Ham will be purchased from Love's Meat.

Meeting adjourned.